

P. G. #66-14  
Lakeland High School  
8108 54th Avenue, College Park, Md.  
Priv/Occ/Educ-Relig/Excellent

1928

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In 1926, the P.G. Board of Education decided to establish a high school for Black students to serve the populations of Bladensburg, Brentwood, North Brentwood, Lakeland, Ammendale, Muirkirk and Laurel; Lakeland was chosen as the site because of its central location. The Board advanced the funds for the purchase of the land, and Rosenwald funds paid for the construction of the school building. The school opened in 1928, one of the first high schools for Blacks in Prince George's County, and therefore very significant in the history of local Black education.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lakeland High School

and/or common Blessed Andrew Kim Korean Pastoral Mission

### 2. Location

street & number 8108 54th Avenue Lakeland    not for publication

city, town College Park    vicinity of /    congressional district 5

state Maryland county P. G.

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>X</u> educational <u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>X</u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington

street & number 1721 Rhode Island Ave., N. W., telephone no.: 783-1465

city, town Washington, D. C., state and zip code   

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 5666

street & number Main Street folio 929

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date    federal    state    county    local   

depository for survey records   

city, town    state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Lakeland High School is a one-story, hip-roofed brick structure with entrance through the central bay of the east facade. The entrance is a double-door set in a round-arched surround, which is itself centered within this projecting pavillion. There is a three-part window on each side of the door; and outside of the pavillion, on each side, is a five-part window.

A newer wing extends northward from this original school building, and then turns eastward forming an ell. This newest (northeast) section has recently been converted into a chapel for the Korean Catholic Mission.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates	1928	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

In August 1926, the Board of Education entertained the first request, by a Lakeland delegation, for the construction of a high school for Blacks in Lakeland. The Board agreed, with the understanding that the delegation should select the site. This was to be a community effort, i.e., the high school was to serve the communities of Bladensburg, Brentwood, North Brentwood, Lakeland, Ammendale, Muirkirk and Laurel. Lakeland had been chosen as the location because of its central location. The Board of Education was to advance the funds for the purchase of the land, and members of the communities were to repay the advance gradually over a period of years. Money from the Rosenwald fund would pay for the construction of the building.

Accordingly, early in 1928, the Board advanced the money for several lots in Block 14 (just west of the B & O railroad tracks) and a committee of representatives of the communities (chaired by J.W.C. Mack of Lakeland) was appointed to oversee the project until the building was completed and occupied.

The Lakeland High School opened in the fall of 1928, with two teachers and 45 students in grades 8 and 9. In July of 1929, W.J. Conway, Chairman of the Lakeland High School PTA, presented to the Board of Education the balance of the obligation of \$1600 which the communities had agreed to raise. On the 29th of July 1929, the Board instructed that "the community be assured of the Board's appreciation of this evidence of splendid cooperation."

Lakeland was one of the first high schools established for Blacks in Prince George's County, and is therefore very significant in the history of Black education. Over the years, the building served also as a junior high (after larger high schools had been opened), as a local elementary school, as a Special Education Center, and most recently (1983) has been converted into a Korean Catholic Mission.







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Prince George's County, Md.  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1983  
South Elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.





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